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Co-operation

Representation of Muslims in the higher grades of the Co-operative Department.

* 59 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Assistant, Deputy and Sub-Deputy Registrars in the Co-operative Department and the community to which each one of them belongs as on the 30th of June 1932;

(*b*) the number of Muslim Assistant, Deputy and Sub-Deputy Registrars and the nature of appointment each one of them holds as on the 30th of June 1932; and

(*c*) what steps the Government have taken or propose to take to raise the proportion of Muslims in the Co-operative Department?

A.—(*a*) There are no Assistant Registrars in the Department. The information about the Deputy and Sub-Deputy Registrars is given below :—

	Number of officers.	Communities to which they belong.	
Deputy Registrars.	23	Brahman	7
		Non-Brahman (Hindu) ..	11
		Christian	2
		Muhammadan	2
		Other communities ..	1
		Total ..	23
Sub-Deputy Registrars.	37	Brahman	23
		Non-Brahman (Hindu) ..	11
		Muhammadan	1
		Other communities ..	1
		Anglo-Indian or European	1
		Total ..	37

(*b*) Deputy Registrars—Two ; both are acting.
Sub-Deputy Registrars—One ; permanent.

(*c*) Recruitment to the cadre of Deputy Registrars and direct recruitment to the cadre of Sub-Deputy Registrars are governed by the communal rule.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I ask what steps the Government have taken to increase the representation of Muslims in the superior cadre of the Co-operative Service? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No particular step has been taken, excepting that the communal Government Order will apply and the Muhammadans will have adequate representation."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know since when the communal Government Order is being applied, and whether it is the case that even after the application of the communal Government Order there are only two deputy registrars and one sub-deputy registrar in the whole service from among the Muslim community?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I believe Muhammadan candidates were not available in spite of the advantage given by the communal Government Order."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" In the answer it is given 'Other communities ...1'. May I know what is meant by 'other communities'?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I believe the depressed class communities. I cannot say anything more definite off-hand."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not a fact that two applications for these posts from among the Muhammadans are pending with Government?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Not only two, but three; but all of them are over-aged."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Minister wants us to understand that in spite of advertisement having been made Mussalmans were not forthcoming?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Mussalmans did apply and they were selected; but by the time vacancies arose they were over-aged."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether the Government have not the power to exempt these people from age-limit?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I do not think the Government can exempt in any particular case."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" In view of the dearth of candidates among Mussalmans, will they not be pleased to exempt them from age-limit?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Government cannot exercise this power in individual cases."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether Government will keep in view these things and show some special consideration to Mussalmans in order to equalize their representation in the service?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" When the vacancies arise."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" At the time when the vacancies arise, will Government be pleased to give preference to them?"

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The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I do not think they can have any preference when they have their turn according to the communal Government Order."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Arising out of the answer to the question of my hon. Friend, Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed, may I know whether it is their opinion that Government have no power to exempt candidates from age-limit? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Not in individual cases."

Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" In view of the fact that Muhammadans are badly represented in this particular department, will Government be pleased to give exemption to this community? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" An amendment should be made to the rules. In certain cases I think the age-limit has been raised from 25 to 27. Muhammadans and depressed classes, I think, come under that."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the age-limit will be raised in the case of the Co-operative department in respect of Mussalmans in reference to the posts of deputy registrar and sub-deputy registrar? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Veterinary

Number and employment of students who passed the diploma examinations in the Veterinary College.

* 60 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students have passed in the diploma examinations held in the Veterinary College in 1930, 1931 and in 1932; and

(*b*) how many of these have so far been given employment in the Madras Veterinary Department ?

A.—(*a*) 85.

(*b*) 29 were given employment. Three of those appointed in 1931 had to be discharged as a measure of retrenchment.

Local Self-Government

Licence fee schedules for buses since January 1932.

* 61 *Q.*—Mr. F. E. JAMES : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many District Board licence fee schedules for buses have been sanctioned since January the 1st, 1932;

(*b*) how many of such schedules represent an increase and how many a decrease in licence fees on the previous schedule;

(*c*) what is the average District Board licence fee on a 18-seater bus in the Presidency (excluding Madras City); and